

VI. Goals, Objectives, and Strategies for the South Florida Ecosystem Plan

The Plan has 7 goals (see Section II), 49 objectives, and 147 strategies that were established by the ecosystem team members to accomplish tasks identified by the South Florida Interagency Task Force. The established goals, objectives, and strategies allow individual team members or units to develop “tasks” in their assigned area of responsibility to further ecosystem restoration. The tasks are then used to develop budget requests that are ranked by the team members and submitted to Congress for approval.

Goal 1. Protect and manage units of the National Wildlife Refuge System and other national interest lands.*

Objective 1.1 Reduce and/or eliminate exotic species** from national interest lands.	Strategy 1.1.1 Identify exotic species problems and issues on national interest lands.	Strategy 1.1.2 Increase management efforts to eradicate exotics and invasive natives from national interest lands.	Strategy 1.1.3 Monitor treated areas to evaluate success of eradication efforts.
Objective 1.2 Protect, restore, and manage water quality, quantity, and deliveries to mimic natural hydrologic conditions on national interest lands.	Strategy 1.2.1 Identify threshold limits for nutrients and evaluate extent/effect of water quality problems and contaminants on national interest lands.	Strategy 1.2.2 Modify water delivery systems and regulation schedules that affect national interest lands as needed.	Strategy 1.2.3 Establish close working relationships with COE, Florida DEP, SWFWMD, and other governmental agencies to monitor water quality, quantity, and deliveries on national interest lands.
Objective 1.3 Prevent the further decline and degradation of national interest lands.	Strategy 1.3.1 Inventory ecosystem and identify and purchase suitable habitats for acquisition as national interest lands.	Strategy 1.3.2 Maintain all Service facilities and equipment at or above Service standards.	Strategy 1.3.3 Monitor all national interest lands to prevent decline and degradation.
Objective 1.4 Restore and manage national interest lands.	Strategy 1.4.1 Identify equipment, maintenance and personnel needs to adequately manage national interest lands.	Strategy 1.4.2 Develop and implement comprehensive conservation plans to manage and restore national interest lands.	Strategy 1.4.3 Develop a monitoring protocol and continue to monitor restoration progress on national interest lands.

* Lands refers to federal holdings and includes waters

** Exotics may include plants and animals

<p>Objective 1.5 Enforce laws to protect national interest lands.</p>	<p>Strategy 1.5.1 Identify and prioritize Law Enforcement operations needs to protect national interest lands.</p>	<p>Strategy 1.5.2 Create and staff properly equipped Law Enforcement positions to protect national interest lands. Enforce regulations that protect trust resources, essential habitats, and the public.</p>	<p>Strategy 1.5.3 Coordinate activities, enforcement actions, and programs with other Law Enforcement agencies/ organizations to ensure an optimal, proactive enforcement program.</p>
<p>Objective 1.6 Promote public awareness about national interest lands and provide compatible wildlife/ wildlands-dependant recreation to instill a natural resource conservation ethic.</p>	<p>Strategy 1.6.1 Initiate and expand information and education programs/ projects to increase public awareness about national interest lands. Include new contact areas or visitor centers.</p>	<p>Strategy 1.6.2 Ensure the compatibility of all “uses” on national interest land programs and activities by modifying or eliminating those uses incompatible with Service goals and unit objectives.</p>	<p>Strategy 1.6.3 Operate visitor centers and visitor contact stations/ points to provide the public with current information concerning national interest lands and resources and compatible recreational uses available on those lands.</p>
<p>Objective 1.7 Obtain baseline data and monitor species and their habitats on national interest lands.</p>	<p>Strategy 1.7.1 Identify sources for baseline data and coordinate with other federal, state, and local agencies and private organizations and citizens to standardize and consolidate standardized baseline data for essential habitats and trust species.</p>	<p>Strategy 1.7.2 Conduct survey programs for trust species and their habitats on national interest lands, and identify key indicator species of environmental change.</p>	<p>Strategy 1.7.3 Use appropriate tools, technologies, and database management systems to monitor national interest lands.</p>

Goal 2. Protect migratory birds and protect, restore, and manage their habitats.

Objective 2.1 Reduce and/or eliminate exotic species to enhance migratory bird habitat utilization.	Strategy 2.1.1 Identify exotic species problems and issues that affect migratory birds.	Strategy 2.1.2 Increase management efforts to eradicate exotics and invasive natives from migratory bird habitats in the South Florida Ecosystem.	Strategy 2.1.3 Monitor treated areas to evaluate success of eradication efforts.
Objective 2.2 Protect, restore, and manage water quality, quantity, and deliveries to mimic natural hydrologic conditions.	Strategy 2.2.1 Evaluate extent/effect of water quality problems and contaminants on migratory birds and their habitats, and determine species' needs for water depths and timing throughout the ecosystem.	Strategy 2.2.2 Modify water delivery systems and regulation schedules and reduce or eliminate poor water quality conditions or aquatic contaminants that adversely affect migratory birds and their habitats.	Strategy 2.2.3 Establish close working relationships with COE, Florida DEP, water management districts, SFWMD and other governmental agencies to monitor water quality, quantity, and deliveries.

<p>Objective 2.3 Prevent the further decline of migratory birds (including waterfowl and neotropical migrants) and prevent further degradation of the habitats they occupy.</p>	<p>Strategy 2.3.1 Identify and evaluate potential and existing threats to migratory birds.</p>	<p>Strategy 2.3.2 Identify and protect key landfall, breeding, and wintering habitats and flight corridors necessary for the conservation of migratory birds. Initiate protective measures such as partnerships, conservation easements, and fee title acquisition.</p>	<p>Strategy 2.3.3 Utilize the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, Migratory Bird Conservation Act, Lacey Act, Bald Eagle Protection Act, Partners in Flight program, Partners for Wildlife program, and other federal authorities and coordinate with other agencies and landowners to minimize direct and cumulative effects of habitat degradation or loss for migratory birds. Encourage and assist state and private land owners to enhance migratory bird habitat through proper management.</p>
<p>Objective 2.4 Conserve, restore and manage migratory bird populations.</p>	<p>Strategy 2.4.1 Identify projects, equipment, maintenance, and personnel needs to adequately manage migratory birds and their habitats.</p>	<p>Strategy 2.4.2 Coordinate with governmental agencies, businesses, private organizations, and landowners to develop and implement plans and partnerships to effect restoration and enhancement of migratory bird populations and their habitats.</p>	<p>Strategy 2.4.3 Design and conduct long-term monitoring studies to restore migratory birds and their habitats.</p>

Objective 2.5 Enforce regulations to protect migratory birds.	Strategy 2.5.1 Identify and prioritize Law Enforcement operations needs to protect migratory birds and their habitats.	Strategy 2.5.2 Create and staff properly equipped Law Enforcement positions to protect migratory birds and their habitats.	Strategy 2.5.3 Coordinate activities, enforcement actions, and programs with other Law Enforcement agencies/organizations to ensure an optimal, proactive enforcement program.
Objective 2.6 Enhance public awareness about migratory birds and instill a land ethic to facilitate natural resource conservation.	Strategy 2.6.1 Initiate and expand information and education projects to increase public awareness about migratory birds.	Strategy 2.6.2 Ensure the consistency of Service programs and activities by modifying or eliminating incompatible activities, and protecting migratory birds and sensitive habitats from public use.	Strategy 2.6.3 Operate visitor centers and visitor contact stations/points to provide visiting public with current information on status and trends of migratory birds and their habitats.
Objective 2.7 Obtain baseline data for migratory birds and monitor species and their habitats.	Strategy 2.7.1 Identify sources for baseline data and coordinate with other federal and state agencies to consolidate standardized baseline data for migratory birds.	Strategy 2.7.2 Inventory migratory birds and their habitats, and identify key indicator species of environmental change.	Strategy 2.7.3 Use appropriate tools, technologies, and database management systems to monitor migratory bird populations and their health and abundance of breeding and wintering habitats.

Objective 3.1 Reduce and/or eliminate exotic species.	Strategy 3.1.1 Identify exotic species problems and issues that affect candidate, threatened or endangered species.	Strategy 3.1.2 Increase management efforts to eradicate exotics and invasive natives from sensitive habitats in the South Florida Ecosystem.	Strategy 3.1.3 Monitor treated areas to evaluate success of eradication efforts.
Objective 3.2 Protect, restore, and manage water quality, quantity, and deliveries to mimic natural hydrologic conditions.	Strategy 3.2.1 Evaluate extent/effect of water quality problems and contaminants on candidate, threatened, and endangered species and their habitats, and determine species' needs for water levels, durations, and depths throughout the ecosystem.	Strategy 3.2.2 Modify water delivery systems and regulation schedules, and reduce or eliminate water quality problems and aquatic contaminants that negatively affect candidate, threatened and endangered species and their habitat.	Strategy 3.2.3 Establish close working relationships with COE, Florida DEP, water management districts, SFWMD and other governmental agencies to monitor water quality, quantity and deliveries.
Objective 3.3 Prevent the further decline of candidate, threatened, and endangered species, and prevent further degradation of their habitats.	Strategy 3.3.1 Identify and evaluate potential and existing threats to candidate, threatened, and endangered species.	Strategy 3.3.2 Utilize federal authorities and coordinate with other agencies and landowners to prevent the decline of candidate, threatened, and endangered species and loss of their habitats. Initiate protective measures such as partnerships, conservation easements, and fee title acquisition.	Strategy 3.3.3 Support and encourage the development and implementation of Habitat Conservation Plans and the South Florida Multi-Species Recovery Plan.

<p>Objective 3.4 Restore and manage candidate, threatened, and endangered species and their habitats.</p>	<p>Strategy 3.4.1 Identify equipment, maintenance, and personnel needs to adequately manage candidate, threatened, and endangered species and their habitats.</p>	<p>Strategy 3.4.2 Implement approved recovery plan actions for threatened and endangered species.</p>	<p>Strategy 3.4.3 Monitor species of concern and their habitats to ensure recovery actions are on schedule.</p>
<p>Objective 3.5 Enforce regulations to protect candidate, threatened, and endangered species.</p>	<p>Strategy 3.5.1 Identify Law Enforcement operations needs to protect candidate, threatened, and endangered species, and create and staff properly equipped Law Enforcement positions.</p>	<p>Strategy 3.5.2 Protect listed species through enforcement of the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, and implementing regulations.</p>	<p>Strategy 3.5.3 Coordinate activities, enforcement actions, and programs with other Law Enforcement agencies/ organizations to ensure an optimal, proactive enforcement program.</p>
<p>Objective 3.6 Enhance public awareness about candidate, threatened and endangered species and instill a land ethic to facilitate natural resource conservation.</p>	<p>Strategy 3.6.1 Initiate and expand information and education projects to increase public awareness about candidate, threatened, and endangered species.</p>	<p>Strategy 3.6.2 Cooperatively educate both public and private sectors regarding state and federal listed species permitting requirements and penalties.</p>	<p>Strategy 3.6.3 Operate visitor centers and visitor contact stations/ points to provide visiting public with current information on candidate, threatened, and endangered species.</p>
<p>Objective 3.7 Obtain baseline data on candidate, threatened and endangered species and monitor species and their habitats.</p>	<p>Strategy 3.7.1 Identify sources for baseline data and coordinate with other federal and state agencies and private organizations and citizens to standardize and consolidate baseline data for candidate, threatened, and endangered species.</p>	<p>Strategy 3.7.2 Initiate survey programs for candidate, threatened, and endangered species and their habitats, and identify key indicator species of environmental change.</p>	<p>Strategy 3.7.3 Use appropriate tools, technologies and database management systems to monitor candidate, threatened, and endangered species and their habitats.</p>

Goal 4. Protect, restore, and manage wetlands and other freshwater habitats.

<p>Objective 4.1 Reduce and/or eliminate exotic species from wetlands and other freshwater habitats.</p>	<p>Strategy 4.1.1 Identify exotic species problems and issues in wetlands and other freshwater habitats.</p>	<p>Strategy 4.1.2 Increase management efforts to eradicate exotics and invasive natives from wetlands and other freshwater habitats in the South Florida Ecosystem.</p>	<p>Strategy 4.1.3 Monitor treated areas to evaluate success of eradication efforts.</p>
<p>Objective 4.2 Protect, restore, and manage water quality, quantity, and deliveries to mimic natural hydrologic conditions.</p>	<p>Strategy 4.2.1 Identify sources and evaluate extent/effect of water quality problems and contaminants in wetlands and other freshwater habitats.</p>	<p>Strategy 4.2.2 Modify water delivery systems and regulation schedules and modify as needed.</p>	<p>Strategy 4.2.3 Establish close working relationships with COE, Florida DEP, water management districts, and other governmental agencies to monitor water quality, quantity and deliveries.</p>
<p>Objective 4.3 Prevent the further decline and degradation of wetlands and other freshwater habitats.</p>	<p>Strategy 4.3.1 Identify and evaluate potential and existing threats to wetlands and other freshwater habitats.</p>	<p>Strategy 4.3.2 Identify areas for protection and initiate measures such as partnerships, conservation easements and fee title acquisition that are critical to the overall goal of restoration of wetlands and other freshwater habitats. Refine the August 1992 "Regional Wetlands Concept Plan" as it relates to the South Florida Ecosystem.</p>	<p>Strategy 4.3.3 Utilize The Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986, North American Wetlands Conservation Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and other federal authorities to prevent the decline of wetlands and other freshwater habitats.</p>

Objective 4.4 Restore and manage wetlands and other freshwater habitats.	Strategy 4.4.1 Identify projects, equipment, and personnel needs to adequately enhance, conserve, and manage wetland habitats.	Strategy 4.4.2 Coordinate with governmental agencies, businesses, private organizations, and landowners to establish watershed protection plans, and develop partnerships to effect restoration and enhancement of wetlands.	Strategy 4.4.3 Design and conduct long-term monitoring studies to aid land managers in restoration efforts of wetlands and other freshwater habitats.
Objective 4.5 Enforce regulations pertaining to wetlands and other freshwater habitats.	Strategy 4.5.1 Identify law enforcement operations needs to protect wetlands and other freshwater habitats.	Strategy 4.5.2 Create and staff properly equipped law enforcement positions to protect wetlands and wetland-dependent species.	Strategy 4.5.3 Coordinate activities, enforcement actions, and programs with other law enforcement agencies/organizations to ensure an optimal, proactive enforcement program.
Objective 4.6 Enhance public awareness about wetlands and instill a land ethic to facilitate natural resource conservation.	Strategy 4.6.1 Initiate and expand information and education projects to increase public awareness about wetlands and wetland-dependent species.	Strategy 4.6.2 Ensure the consistency of Service activities in wetlands by modifying or eliminating incompatible activities, and protecting sensitive habitats and species from public use.	Strategy 4.6.3 Operate visitor centers and visitor contact stations/points to provide visiting public with current information on wetlands issues.

Objective 4.7 Obtain baseline data for wetland-dependent species and monitor species and their habitats.	Strategy 4.7.1 Identify sources for baseline data and coordinate with other federal and state agencies to consolidate baseline data for wetland-dependent species and their habitats.	Strategy 4.7.2 Initiate survey programs for wetland-dependent species and their habitats, and identify key indicator species of environmental change.	Strategy 4.7.3 Use appropriate tools and technologies to monitor wetlands, prioritize management strategies and potential mitigation alternatives, and develop information on impacts to wetlands.
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Goal 5. Protect, manage, and restore fish and other aquatic species, and protect, restore, and manage their habitats.

Objective 5.1 Reduce and/or eliminate exotic species.	Strategy 5.1.1 Identify exotic species problems and issues that affect fish and other aquatic species.	Strategy 5.1.2 Increase management efforts to eradicate exotics and invasive natives from identified aquatic habitats in the South Florida Ecosystem.	Strategy 5.1.3 Monitor treated areas to evaluate success of eradication efforts.
Objective 5.2 Protect, restore, and manage water quality, quantity, and deliveries to mimic natural hydrologic conditions.	Strategy 5.2.1 Identify threshold limits for nutrients and evaluate extent/effect of water quality problems and contaminants on aquatic species and their habitats.	Strategy 5.2.2 Modify water delivery systems and regulation schedules that adversely affect aquatic habitats.	Strategy 5.2.3 Establish close working relationships with COE, Water Management Districts, and other governmental agencies to monitor water quality, quantity, and timing of deliveries to aquatic habitats.

<p>Objective 5.3 Prevent the further decline of fish and other aquatic species, and prevent further degradation of aquatic habitat.</p>	<p>Strategy 5.3.1 Identify and evaluate potential and existing threats to fish and other aquatic species.</p>	<p>Strategy 5.3.2 Identify areas for protection and initiate measures such as partnerships, conservation easements and fee title acquisition that are critical to the overall restoration of aquatic habitats.</p>	<p>Strategy 5.3.3 Utilize the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection and Restoration Act, Estuary Protection Act, Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Conservation and Management Act, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and other federal authorities to prevent the decline of fish and other aquatic species and their habitats.</p>
<p>Objective 5.4 Restore and manage fish and other aquatic species and their habitats.</p>	<p>Strategy 5.4.1 Identify mutual interjurisdictional goals for the preservation, enhancement, and/or restoration of fish and other aquatic species and their essential habitats. Coordinate with the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Councils, and Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions.</p>	<p>Strategy 5.4.2 Develop and implement an action plan complimentary to South Florida restoration efforts to manage and restore aquatic species and habitats and provide recreational fishing opportunities where compatible and appropriate.</p>	<p>Strategy 5.4.3 Design and conduct long-term monitoring studies to aid land managers in restoration efforts of fish and other aquatic species and their habitats.</p>

Objective 5.5 Enforce fisheries regulations.	Strategy 5.5.1 Identify law enforcement operations needs to protect fish and other aquatic species.	Strategy 5.5.2 Create and staff properly equipped law enforcement positions to protect fish and other aquatic species.	Strategy 5.5.3 Coordinate activities, enforcement actions, and programs with other law enforcement agencies/organizations to ensure an optimal, proactive enforcement program.
Objective 5.6 Enhance public awareness about aquatic species and instill a stewardship to facilitate natural resource conservation.	Strategy 5.6.1 Initiate and expand information and education projects to increase public awareness about aquatic species and their essential habitats.	Strategy 5.6.2 Ensure consistency of Service programs and activities by modifying or eliminating incompatible activities, and protecting sensitive habitats and species from public use.	Strategy 5.6.3 Operate visitor centers and visitor contact stations/points to provide visiting public with current information on aquatic resource issues.
Objective 5.7 Obtain baseline data for aquatic species and monitor species and their habitats.	Strategy 5.7.1 Identify sources for baseline data and coordinate with other federal, state, and local agencies and private organizations and citizens to standardize and consolidate baseline data for aquatic species and essential habitats.	Strategy 5.7.2 Initiate survey programs for aquatic species and their habitats, and identify species that are key indicators of change in habitat within aquatic ecosystems.	Strategy 5.7.3 Use appropriate tools, technologies, and database management systems to monitor fish and other aquatic species and their habitats.

Objective 6.1 Reduce and/or eliminate exotic species from coastal and estuarine habitats.	Strategy 6.1.1 Identify exotic species problems and issues within coastal and estuarine habitats.	Strategy 6.1.2 Increase management efforts to eradicate exotic species from coastal and estuarine habitats in the South Florida Ecosystem.	Strategy 6.1.3 Monitor treated areas to evaluate success of eradication efforts.
Objective 6.2 Protect, restore, and manage water quality, quantity, and deliveries to mimic natural hydrologic conditions.	Strategy 6.2.1 Identify threshold limits for nutrients and contaminants and evaluate their extent/ effect on coastal and estuarine habitats.	Strategy 6.2.2 Modify water delivery systems and regulation schedules that adversely affect coastal and estuarine habitats.	Strategy 6.2.3 Establish close working relationships with COE, Water Management Districts, and other governmental agencies to monitor water quality, quantity, and deliveries to coastal and estuarine habitats.
Objective 6.3 Prevent the further decline and degradation of coastal and estuarine habitats.	Strategy 6.3.1 Identify and evaluate potential and existing threats to coastal and estuarine habitats.	Strategy 6.3.2 Identify the extent and effect of water quality problems and contaminants in coastal and other estuarine areas.	Strategy 6.3.3 Identify key coastal and estuarine habitats for conservation and initiate protective measures such as partnerships, conservation easements and fee title acquisition.

			Strategy 6.3.4 Utilize the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act, Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management and Conservation Act, Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act, and other federal authorities to prevent the decline of coastal and estuarine habitats.
Objective 6.4 Restore and manage coastal and estuarine habitats.	Strategy 6.4.1 Identify projects, equipment, and personnel needs to adequately enhance, conserve, and manage coastal and estuarine habitats.	Strategy 6.4.2 Coordinate with governmental agencies, businesses, private organizations, and landowners to establish coastal and estuarine recovery plans, and develop partnerships to effect restoration and enhancement of these areas.	Strategy 6.4.3 Design and conduct long-term monitoring studies to aid land managers in restoration efforts of coastal and estuarine habitats.

Objective 6.5 Enforce regulations pertaining to coastal and estuarine habitats.	Strategy 6.5.1 Identify Law Enforcement operations needs to protect coastal and estuarine environments.	Strategy 6.5.2 Create and staff properly equipped Law Enforcement positions to protect coastal and estuarine habitats.	Strategy 6.5.3 Coordinate activities, enforcement actions, and programs with other Law Enforcement agencies/organizations to ensure an optimal, proactive enforcement program.
Objective 6.6 Enhance public awareness about coastal and estuarine habitats and instill a land ethic to facilitate natural resource conservation.	Strategy 6.6.1 Initiate and expand information and education projects to increase public awareness about coastal and estuarine habitats.	Strategy 6.6.2 Ensure the compatibility of coastal and estuarine activities by modifying or eliminating incompatible activities, and protecting sensitive habitats and species from public use.	Strategy 6.6.3 Operate visitor centers and visitor contact stations/points to provide visiting public with current information on coastal and estuarine issues.
Objective 6.7 Obtain baseline data and monitor species and their habitats.	Strategy 6.7.1 Identify sources for baseline data and coordinate with other federal, state and local agencies, and private organizations and citizens to standardize and consolidate baseline data for coastal and estuarine habitats and trust species.	Strategy 6.7.2 Initiate survey programs for coastal and estuarine species and their habitats, and identify key indicator species for monitoring habitat changes.	Strategy 6.7.3 Use appropriate tools and technologies to monitor coastal and estuarine habitats, prioritize management strategies and potential mitigation alternatives, and develop information on impacts to coastal and estuarine habitats.

Objective 7.1 Reduce and/or eliminate exotic species.	Strategy 7.1.1 Identify exotic species problems and issues.	Strategy 7.1.2 Increase management efforts to eradicate exotics and invasive natives in the South Florida Ecosystem.	Strategy 7.1.3 Monitor treated areas to evaluate success of eradication efforts.
Objective 7.2 Protect, restore, and manage water quality, quantity, and deliveries to mimic natural hydrologic conditions.	Strategy 7.2.1 Determine species needs for water levels, durations, and depths, and evaluate extent/ effect of water quality problems and contaminants on native habitats and associated biodiversity.	Strategy 7.2.2 Modify water delivery systems and regulation schedules to support biodiversity.	Strategy 7.2.3 Establish close working relationships with COE, Florida DEP, water management districts, and other governmental agencies to monitor water quality, quantity, and timing of deliveries to native habitats.
Objective 7.3 Prevent the further decline of endemic species and prevent further degradation of their habitats.	Strategy 7.3.1 Identify and evaluate potential and existing threats to South Florida's biodiversity.	Strategy 7.3.2 Identify key habitats for the conservation of biodiversity, through the use of GIS and other technologies and initiate protective measures such as partnerships, conservation easements, and fee title acquisition.	Strategy 7.3.3 Monitor areas of biodiversity to prevent decline and degradation. Utilize appropriate federal authorities to prevent the further decline of South Florida's biodiversity.

<p>Objective 7.4 Restore and manage species and habitats they occupy to enhance biodiversity.</p>	<p>Strategy 7.4.1 Identify projects, equipment, maintenance, and personnel needs to adequately manage for biodiversity.</p>	<p>Strategy 7.4.2 Coordinate with governmental agencies, businesses, private organizations, and landowners to establish guidance and plans to manage South Florida's biodiversity, and develop partnerships to effect restoration and enhancement of these areas.</p>	<p>Strategy 7.4.3 Design and conduct long-term monitoring studies of restoration processes with respect to effect on biodiversity.</p>
<p>Objective 7.5 Enforce regulations to protect biodiversity.</p>	<p>Strategy 7.5.1 Identify Law Enforcement operations needs to protect biodiversity.</p>	<p>Strategy 7.5.2 Create and staff properly equipped law enforcement positions to protect biodiversity.</p>	<p>Strategy 7.5.3 Coordinate activities, enforcement actions, and programs with other law enforcement agencies/organizations to ensure an optimal, proactive enforcement program.</p>
<p>Objective 7.6 Enhance public awareness about biodiversity and instill a land ethic to facilitate natural resource conservation.</p>	<p>Strategy 7.6.1 Identify public information needs and provide public education, information, and special events on biodiversity. Utilize various forms of the media and communication techniques to increase public awareness about biodiversity. Hire an information and education specialist for the South Florida Ecosystem.</p>	<p>Strategy 7.6.2 Ensure the compatibility of national interest lands programs and activities by emphasizing management of natural ecosystems and activities that are compatible with promoting biodiversity. Modify or eliminate incompatible activities, and protect sensitive habitats and species from public use.</p>	<p>Strategy 7.6.3 Operate visitor centers and visitor contact stations/points to provide the public with current information on biodiversity issues.</p>

<p>Objective 7.7 Obtain baseline data and monitor native communities and landscapes.</p>	<p>Strategy 7.7.1 Identify sources for baseline data and coordinate with other federal, state, and local agencies to standardize and consolidate baseline data.</p>	<p>Strategy 7.7.2 Initiate survey programs for biodiversity, and identify key indicator species for monitoring habitat changes.</p>	<p>Strategy 7.7.3 Use appropriate tools and technologies to monitor changes in biodiversity, prioritize management strategies and potential mitigation alternatives, and develop information on impacts to biodiversity.</p>
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